

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner has stated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121: (I) Figures 1-20 -- SC-style optical plug; or (II) Figures 21-27 -- FJ-style optical jack. Though the Office Action states that Figures 21-27 are in Species II, the Applicants believe that Species II would include Figures 21-37. If this is in error, the Applicants request a clarification in the next Office Action.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Species (I) Figures 1-20 -- SC-style optical jack.

Claims 1-14, 16-25, 27-32, 34-38, 40-46, and 48-51 read on the elected species. In addition, claims 1-13, 16-24, 27-31, 34-37, 40-45, and 48-51 are believed to be generic to both species. The Applicants reserve the right to prosecute dependent claims directed to the unelected species upon allowance of any of the generic claims.

This reply is being submitted with a petition for a one-month extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the one-month extension fee of \$110.00 to our Deposit Account No. 16-0228. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, aside from the issue fee, or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to our deposit account.

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